

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5480**

LCO No. 3373

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOAN FUND TO
REMEDiate BLIGHTED PROPERTIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For the fiscal years
2 ending June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, the Secretary of
3 the Office of Policy and Management shall establish a housing
4 revitalization program in distressed municipalities, as defined in
5 section 32-9p of the general statutes, and in municipalities directly
6 eligible to receive a community development block grant pursuant to
7 the provisions of 42 USC 5301 et seq. The purpose of the program shall
8 be to provide to persons who own residential property within such
9 municipalities loans for the purpose of making home repairs,
10 including, but not limited to, installing siding or other exterior finishes,
11 replacing windows and replacing or repairing furnaces and roofs. Any
12 available funds for the program shall be divided equally among the
13 eligible municipalities.

14 (b) The chief executive officer of each eligible municipality that
15 participates in the housing revitalization program shall designate a
16 municipal officer or employee to administer the program. Such
17 administrator shall make such loans available to persons who own
18 residential property in census tracts (1) in which twenty-five per cent
19 or more of individuals or families have income below the poverty

20 level, as determined by the most recent United States census, as
21 officially updated by the appropriate state agency or institution, and
22 (2) identified by the municipality as suitable for the program. Any
23 such loan shall be repaid by means of a special assessment placed on
24 the residential property.

25 (c) To receive a loan pursuant to the housing revitalization program,
26 applicants shall submit an application to the administrator on a form
27 approved by the secretary together with any documentation required
28 by the administrator demonstrating that the applicant meets the
29 eligibility criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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